Che Home Reading Circle

A VILLAGE PATRIOT.

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By SARAH ORNE JEWETT,

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Six men were going home from work together. They had been shingling the south gable-end of a new country house, and the owner, a Boston man, had just telephoned down that everybody might knock off work at three o'clock so that those who wished could take the four o'clock train to town. Most of the gang did wish this before the Fourth of July and they were nearly all Boston men who had been sent down by the building contractor. The six shinglers came down their ladder walked away together. Fisher had his bicycle, but he trundled It along by hand and walked with his mates. They could still hear hammers knocking in the great house where some of the boys were lingering to end off part of the standing finish in one

stint, and loyally stood by to close the thing just right. "I never saw a house put together so quick," said a sober-looking fellow named Allis named Jim Fisher, who turned to look back. "Quick's a room's parted off, on go the laths, and before the lathers get out the plasterers step Wonder the paperers don't chase

of the lower rooms. Work was being

rushed and they had set themselves a

them right around the four wet walls." "Takes some folks a good while to find out that it's just as cheap to pay twenty men one day as 'tis to pay one man twenty days," said Jim Fisher.

There aim't many bosses can handle a large crew to good advantage," said a wise round-shouldered old man who wore spectacles at his work and liked a good political argument at noon over his dinner pall. He was the only one of the six who lived in the town, and Charley Burrill had boarded with him all the spring. Charley Burrill was a brisk-looking Boston fellow who did a first-rate week's work and dressed himself with noticeable smartness or

"You're right there!" said this young man; "trouble's apt to be with the Last job I was on, we were standin' round most of our time waitin' an' tumblin' right over one 'nother, Men come down from the city with all their solder furnaces an' riggin' to do a piece o' the roofing before the roof was boarded. There was one of 'em used to practice 'Annie Laurie' on a cornet under the stone shed, an' miss the same note every time, till one day fellow went down o' the third story to break the old toot horn over his

"Wish I was a boss," said Jim Fish-

er, cheerfully. "No, you don't; not that kind," said old Thorndike. "Tell you I'm older'n you boys be, and I've noticed ever since I was a boy myself that folks always done well that done their fair day's work, an' all died poor that had a spell o' thinkin' they were goin' to get rich out o' shirkin'. Nothin' for nothin's a postty safe rule."

"Goin' to preach this comin' Sunday, elder?" inquired Jim Fisher, with po-

"No, I aln't, sir," answered Abel, good-naturedly. "My ambitions all run toward practicin'. I'm goln' to celebrate the Fourth o' July, though; perhaps you ain't aware it comes tomorrow, or do you have a special one o'

your own up to Boston?" What are you going to do, elder?" demanded Jim Fisher. The six men had fallen into single file along the narrow footpath, but Fisher stopped and

let the rest go by. "What be I goin' to do?" repeated the old man, a little confused and glancing at Charley Burrill. "Well, folks can celebrate as well as anybody round here, but 'twould seem plain to Boston folks."

"Don't let Charlie spoil his nice new clothes with snapcrackers," said Jim, and Charley Burrill blushed as was expected. He had said early in the day that he was not going home for the former happy's a queen. I feel the mere value's of the masses than the was not going home for the grateful to see her so happy, and now kings. In neither instance does the nar-we'll fetch those boxes out o' the shop rative employ big words nor go into the They had come to a turn in the road and Jim Fisher sprang on his wheel tra this year. Folks say my fireworks and whirled away leaving everybody to plod behind.

"Be careful, Charley!" he shouted and young Burrill shouted gayly back as he went down the lane with Abel Thorndike, Thorndike's house was on theriver bank, and there were some apple trees by it and a little flowergarden in front. As the two men came to the gate a pretty girl looked out of the window and threw her sewing on the table and came out to meet them.

Abel Thorndike sat on his doorstep after supper, reading the Life of Washington. The younger members of his household were leaning over the gate talking and looking at the river.

"My pity sakes!" exclaimed Mr. Thorndike, with enthusiasm. "Just see what a man Washington was! Here it is in his great address: 'Watch your majorities as carefully as if they were kings, says he: why General Washington was a prophet!"

The young lovers turned, a little embarrassed at being interrupted, while the oldcarpenter took off his specta-cles and laid down the big book with an impressive air. Charley began to think that they had better walk down

"Here 'tis Fourth o' July again, and

means," said Abel, "I don't want to waste as good a day as there is in the year, I always feel as if I ought to go to meetin' part o' the day, and sit and think about my country and them

that give it to me.' "We're sober enough Decoration day," said Phebe, "Why father, we ought to be gay's we can Fourth o' July; there's a time to rejoice, ain't there? I've got your flags all ready to put right out in the morning any-

"Don't you be scared, Phebe!" said the old man. "I'm goin' to rejoice. What have you two young creatures got in mind to do. I don't expect you'll want me to go along anyway," and he smiled at them with open recognition of a happy fact or which they fancied him quite unconscious. They were not used to the happiness of being lovers, and his face just then seemed the kindest face in the world.

"I've spoken for a team," said Abei, innocently, "I knew Charley 'd want one and you have to speak a long while beforehand to get the best such days. I'm goin' to give ve both a first-rate ride in the afternoon an' in the evenin' I shall want Charley to help me with my fireworks. I've done so well working all the spring on this good job that I've got plenty o' money to fool round There's some boy left in me a. little. yet, old's I am. Some years in the past I ain't been able to have anything but a good bonfire, but I've always had

"Good for you, sir," said Charley

"It ain't a bit o' harm to have a little pleasurein'; a good deal of a man's life has to be kind of dull," reflected Abel Thorndyke, as he stood at the gate and watched the young couple drive away. They had called to him in distress when they found the one pleasure carriage while heallowed himself the summer through was a singleseated buggy. Charley Burrill shouted for the stable boy who was running up the lane: "You've made a mistake!" he said.

"No, no, 'twas just as I ordered you can go by yourselves today." and the father looked from one fact to the other, "I was young myself once, and I ain't ready either," he added by way of final excuse,

Phebe put her arm round her father's neck and kissed him; she looked more like her mother than usual that day. And Abel Thorndike felt a sudden pang of loneliness.

"There, there! you go off and find ome nice roads up country; I don't expect to see you till supper time an' we'll make a light supper anyway after our good dinner o' lamb an' green peas, 'tis my great treat," he said. "An' after dark we'll touch the firerest an' read my Life o' Washington an' I may get a np!

Burrill ventured to laugh, but he had a new understanding of the happiness of holiday making, and started off gayly to make the most of his afternoon. Early that evening they watched an eager crowd assembling on the oppo site river bank,

"You see they always expect some-thing from me," said old Abel, apolo-getically. "This year I'm goin' to surprise 'em. Some say it's foolish to burn up money so, but folks about here don't have the interests they do in Reading." Eoston, an' 'tis one way to enjoy themselves. I used to think when I was a boy and my folks were pinched an' poor, some day I'd get ahead an' then nobody should forget the Fourth where I was. "Taint no common day, an' I ain't goin' to behave as if I thought so. Phebe says you've given her an clegant time this afternoon, an' she's an' touch things off an' celebrate exalways looks so pretty, all double an' shinin' in the river."

Next day the shingling gang was at work agair, and all the hammers going inside and outside the great

"What eld you do yesterday?" somebody asked Jim Fisher.

"Oh, nothing particular. I didn't spend a cent an' 'twas too hot to go off anywhere on my wheel," said Jim, despendently. "Taint much of a day after you've got past snap crackers." "You ought to have seen the way they celebrate down here," announced Charley Burrill, proudly, "Best Fourth I ever had!" and he and Abel Thorndike did not look at each other, but

their hearts seemed to touch. "I always read a good long chapter in my 'Life o' Washington'," said old Abel, as he reached for more nails. Trouble is, you young fellows don't half know what a country you've got ehind you.

AM IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Is Credited to a Brother of Dr. R. H. Gibbons, of This City.

After being, as it were, in a certain sense an author's guest during the narration of bis story and having no reason to feel that he had consciously spared anything for your entertainment, it might be considered an evidence of ill-breeding to question the motive of the host. But the reader of Louis Zangwill's "The Beautiful Miss Brooke" (New York: D. Appleton & Co.)—and especially the American realer—is tempted, at the end, to inquire wherefore it was written. The beautiful Miss Brooke is simply a polite fraud, for whose alleged Americanism Mr. Zangwill, we suspect, cannot offer warrant; the saphead artist who permits her to infatuate him and then jilt him at her convenience may have counterparts in real life but he is by no means therefore interesting; and as for the half dozen other characters in the book, they are mere layingures, used simply for filling. What "The Beautiful Miss Brooke" was written for The friends of Dr. R. H. Gibbons, of how few folks thinks what it all portant scientific discovery believed to this city, will be interested in an im-

> A tribute by ex-Minister Bayard to Queen Victoria, with a frontispiece portrait of the present queen of England when she was at the age of four and other jubilee features; and a comprehensive treatment of the Shaw memorial and the sculpture of Mr. St. Gaudens form the timely features in the June Century. The first of a series of articles on "The Herces of Peace," detailing heroism in the light-house service, is interesting locally in view of the fact that Scranton has just finished the entertainment of several fa-mous heroes of war. In all other respects the June Century is well-nigh a model

Beautiful Miss Brooke" was written for

is a mystery, and a mystery it bids fair to

We are rather glad, by the way, that the June St. Nicholas dodges the Victoria jubilee altogether. For American boys and girls there is better reading than glorifications of royalty which present the bright side of royalism but suppress

Of the ten papers in the June Forum ex-Interstate Commerce Commissioner Blanchard's paper on the trans-Missouri decision showing the need of the legalization of railway pooling and J. B. Bishop's excertation of political bossism stand first in interest and timelineas. But there isn't

have been made by his brother, who is one in the list unworthy to be read and also a physician, Dr. P. J. Gibbons, of studied. We shall hereafter allude to some of them. Syracuse, N. Y. Concerning the matter Tuesday's Syracuse Herald contained

Gunton's for June contains the abridged text of the Manga Charta and for that reason ought to be read and prefew years ago, created a sensation by de-claring that electricity did not always kill, and who at that time invented an ap-paratus to resuscitate persons shocked by electricity, has just come out with a dis-covery which he believes to be scientific, and which he further declares will revo-

The May Looker-On escaped us, but this periodical for June presents an array of features for music lovers calculated to atone for the omission. A study of Sir Arthur Sullivan, a paper by W. J. Hen-derson on Haydn and "The Creation" and According to the doctor's latest discovery, the aurora borealis may be foretold, and is not a reflection of the sun's rays one on the famous orchestral and operatio conductors are a few of the titles which invite attention. The Looker-On is the one periodical of its kind in the United States putting emphasis on the literature of music and it deserves the support of often present in greater intensity in the day time than in the night, although the musicians.

on the icebergs, but an intense electrical disturbance, and exists in the day as well

as the night. He feels assured that it is

sun's light prevents discernment with the

Sunday evening from the roof of the

captain added that they were not visible

from police headquarters until 2,30 a. m., yesterday. Dr. Gibbons is very enthusiastic. He said to a reporter for the Her-

earth stands in relation to space as an

electric dynamo does in regard to its con nections. In short, the earth is a large

dynamo in itself with the north and the

south poles as the negative and positive wires. The aurora borealis is the effect

space between these two points, the sam as the X rays pass through the vacuum

of a globe into the Crook's tubes. That

they are electric columns is proven by the fact that they affect all electrical in-

struments to test the presence of electricity in the atmosphere. Therefore, they disprove of the sun's rays on icebergs. I

foretoud in 1892, and the fact was printed

the Herald that afternoon, that the orthern lights were to appear. That

night at 11.30 o'clock they appeared with great brilliancy. Whether anyone has be-fore foretold these displays I do not know.

have made two predictions as stated

and both have been verified fully. Although the display was not visible to the

eye Sunday it was noticeable in the work-

ing of telegraph and telephone wires. The effect on them was the same as the

induction from a flerce thunder and light-

interest for ages, also the stars, but the

electrical phenomena of the heavens we have neglected. I believe in this electrical

age we should give more attention to the

"Did Syracuse publish a Sunday even-

aurora borealis; if we do, we shall be re warded in a very short time.

ing edition, the prediction of the aurora

sue. The lights were seen very plainly at Baldwinsville Sunday night."

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

ceived a revised edition with new ap-pendix of Dixon's "The Mechanical Arts Simplified," a work which brings together

into one compact volume a greater number and range of rules, formulae and tables bearing on mathematical and me-

chanical problems than any other with which we are acquainted. The first edi-tion of this invaluable labor-saving pub-

lication speedily established itself as a

standard reference book for architects, engineers, boller-makers, machinists and

workers in stone, iron and wood; and the

present revision, which includes among other new features a comprehensive pre-

sentation of electricity in its mechanical

applications, will undoubtedly receive a cordial welcome,

The same publishers issue in near pocket form an admirable German-English and English-German dictionary based on

Grimm and Webster, and containing 20 --

900 words and phrases—all any ordinary person will ever have occasion to use.

By means of this dictionary the learning of German will be greatly facilitated and

Three volumes simultaneously issued by D. Appleton & Co., New York, group themselves naturally together. Two belong to a series of books of "History for Young

Readers" just inaugurated by these en-

The idea of putting into simple language for children the history of the principal

not find their work profitless or uninter-

of planetary activity out in the boundless realms of immensity which require the telescope as their medium of introduc-tion. Recognizing this fact, Clara Kern Bayliss, in "In Brook and Bayou," has chosen the lowlier field of inquiry and re-valed in it facts and secondary

vealed in it facts and speculations as fas-cinating as romance. Her's is a notable instance of the effectiveness of indirect

After being, as it were, in a certain

correctness in pronunciation secured.

aused by the electric current passing in

What was formerly the Metaphysical Magazine now appears as Intelligence, the change in title occurring with the June number. There is an enlargement in the picture. He left word with Captain of the Night Watch Quigley to have his men keep an eye out for the sorthern lights. Yesterday morning, the doctor was pleased to receive a note from Captain Quigley, dated 4 a. m., in which he said that Officer Thomas Leahs.

Quigley, dated 4 a. m., in which he said that Officer Thomas Leahy, on duty in the First ward, telephoned to head-quarters at 11.04 o'clock Sunday night that he could see the northern lights. The

MUSICAL NOTES.

Of late years "Blind Tom" the once famous colored plane player, has dropped out of sight. But he is not dead, as many suppose. With his mother and guardian he lives in a comfortable cottage at the highlands of Navesing, on the Jersey side of the New York bay. "Blind Tom" is now gray haired. His guardian is Mrs. Eliza Lerche, who was appointed ten years ago by Justice Andrews, of the Supreme court, as a committee of the person and property of the mind-clouded musician. She was then the widow of John G. Bethune, who had charge of "Blind Toom" Blind Tom' for many years, and the latter was only given into her care after a long legal struggle with her fathern-law, James N. Bethune. He has been handed to Mrs. Bethune with no money and no property, personal or otherwise, out of the hundreds of thousands of dollars which he had carned during the pre-vious quarter of a century. So it was necessary to keep him at work awhile longer to provide for his future maintenance in case he became disabled by age infirmities, and also to enable him to take care of his mother, who was still alive n the Southern states, and looked to Ton for support. About three years ago Mrs. Bethune, who was then Mrs. Lerche, having married Albrecht J. Lerche, the lawyer who had fought her legal battles in courts, had saved enough money warrant the temporary withdrawal of "Blind Tom" from the amusement world, so that he might recuperate his health, and, at the same time, familiarize himself with modern musical compositions. He passes hours at a time at the plano, playing his old pieces and practicing new ones. Occasionally he attempts improvisation, but even then the imitative fauity predominates, as the notes he picks out are usually the reproductions of sounds that he has heard. When not at the piano Tom amuses himself by imitating the small talk of ladies and other

visitors to the Lerche cottage, to which he is a silent listener. He holds imagin-ary receptions, at which the weather, new styles in dresses and like topics are discussed by the imaginary visitors, as imitated by Tom, in a way that is very comical, but he will not do it if he knows there is any one listening to him. In spite of his advanced years and his reserved, formal demeanor in company, Tom is merely an overgrown child, and has to be carefully watched by the male nurse especially hired for that purpose. He has all the selfishness of a spoiled child, and is jealous of any attention paid to any one else in his presence. He has little natural affection, and cares only for those around him who minister to his wants. He is willing that his mother should be taken care of out of the money he has earned, but he does not wish to have her or his brothers and sisters near him, for fear that they may annoy him, or prevent his being the sole object of the or prevent his being the sole object of the attention of those around him. With the exception of this childlike selfishness, "Blind Tom" is extremely moral and re-ligious in his habits and disposition. He never eats without first offering a prayer,

and on Sundays will play only church elr popular series of "Books for Home John T. Watkins, the well known bari tone and musical director, who for the nations, somewhat more seriously than Dickens did in his "Child's History of England," is certainly a capital one, and past year has been studying music in London, is now engaged at "Her Majesty": Theater," and was the best baritone out in the two neat little volumes before us it is happily worked out. Frances E. Cooke tells the story of the growth of the Engof seventy-five applicants for a Cataolic church position at a recent competition. Mr. Watkins was recently asked to give lish nation and Kate Kroeker offers an outline of German history, each telling rather of the progress of the masses than an exhibition of his histrionic talents before the menager of the "Savoy," and the results were so satisfactory that he has been booked for the first vacancy that ou been booked for the first vacancy that oc-curs. Mr. Watkins' voice has improved wonderfully under the instruction that he has received at the Royal Academy, and his natural ability as an actor has depths. The authors have remembered that they were to write for children, but they have written so well that adults will made his path comparatively smooth in working his way into the good graces of the critical London audiences. The friends of Mr. Watkins in musical circles of Northeastern Pennsylvania, where he The forms of animal and vegetable life which are revealed by the microscope ap-peal no less strongly to the imagination of the young than do those great systems is so well known, will rejoice at his suc-

> The Scrapton School of Music and Lan guages, under the direction of Professor Pennington, is now in its new quarters in the Carter building, corner of Adams avenue and Linden street. A Tribune representative called there yesterday and was charmed with the splendid rooms which the school is to occupy in future. The vo-

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cal and plano studies are music-rooms in the fullest sense of the word, having high ceilings and hard wood floors with wax finish. Several of the rooms are convertible in one large room which is to be utilized for the rectals and lectures of the school. Professor Pennington is full of enthusiasm for his new venture and thoroughly believes in Scranton as a promising field for a thoroughly equipped musical institution.

Wyoming avenue last evening was greatly enjoyed by large crowds of music lovers who gathered in that vicinity. It is to be regretted that some locality in the central part of the city cannot be secured where a band stand could be creeted for the use of this excellent organization for summer evening concerts

A new operetta called "Dere Wunder motif from an advertising trick of arous-ing doubts as to the sex of a child profi-gy, which recently excited the musical world. In the opera it is a real young world. In the opera it is a real young woman that appears as a boy violinist. The music is by G. Van Taund, of Vienna, and the libretto by Alexander Landesberg and Leo Stein. The libretto is said to be poor and the music stolen, a description which shows that it is much like other omic operas.

Pleasure-seekers generally will do well to remember the excursion to Mountain Park next Tuesday, June 15, under aus-pices of Bauer's band. As will be observed by notice elsewhere, the cost of the trip is but a trifle when compared with the enjoyment in store for the pa

Paderewski seems to have absorbed all the cash in London that is available for piano concerts. He was given \$5,000 for one recital, while so celebrated an artist as Eugen d'Albert drew only a small au-

A Mystery.

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A Prominent Iowa Educator's Painful Experience as Related by Him to a Newspaper Man.

A. H. Nye.

From the Gazette, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The la grippe, that dread disease that had such a run throughout this country three and four years since, left many who were previously in robust health with shattered constitutions and ecemingly confirmed invalids.

Prof. A. H. Nye, living at No. 2500 Olive Street, Cedar Falls, lowa, was among the number left by the disease in a precarious condition, his nervous system shattered, and with a general debility of his entire system; no strength, feet and limbs badly swellen, in fact, he was almost helpless. Prof. Nye is a mative of New York State, having come west in 1856—a healthy, robust man. He is a school teacher by profession, having served as country superintendent of schools of this (Black Hawk) county, several terms, and he has the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. His helpless condition called forth the sympathy of the entire community. He tried the best medical skill procurable, and spent most of his ready means in the vain endeavor to recover his health, and had about given up completely discouraged. He had stopped taking treatment, being fully convinced in his own mind that there was no help for him, and that he would have to spend the balance of his days as an invalid, an burden to family and friends. Some one who had heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, spoke to him about them and urged his giving them a trial. His poor success with eminent physicians made him skeptical and he had no faith in what was called proprie-



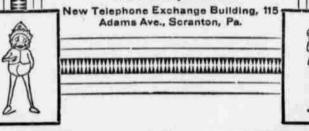
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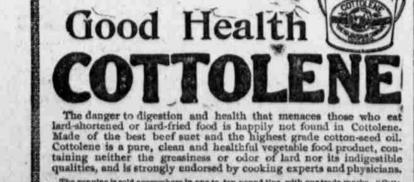
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